



**American Legion Auxiliary Los Alamitos Unit 716  
Monthly General Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2024**

**Call to order:**

The meeting held at Post 716 was called to order at 7:09 pm on August 12, 2024, by Madam President Kristin Landis. Colors in place. Chaplain provided an opening prayer. Sargent at Arms prepared the MIA/POW chair. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution were recited.

**Roll call of Officers (conducted by Secretary):**

President .....	Kristin Landis
First V.P. ....	Joanna Garcia
Second V.P. ....	** Open
Secretary .....	Gayelea Allison
Treasurer .....	Lori Ryon
Chaplain .....	Cindy Mayfield
Sgt-At-Arms .....	** Open
Parliamentarian .....	Mary Hernandez (excused)
Executive Board .....	Toni Mikrut
	Teresa Cespedes
	Cathy Cocks
Jr. Past President .....	Marcy Garcia (absent)

All Officers answered present. Overall Meeting Attendance: 16 members & 1 Guest

**Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

Lori Ryon moved that the Unit forego the reading of the minutes from last month’s meeting as printed copies of meeting minutes were offered if needed and electronic copy forwarded via email to all members. Motion was adopted.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Toni Mikrut moved that the Unit dispense with the reading of the Treasurer's Report as printed copies provided. Motion passed to accept Treasurer's Report as filed.”

**New Members:**

The following members applications were presented and moved for vote of approval by unit:

- Stacey Lacayo-Daugaard
- Rosalyn E. Rubin



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The following members were obligated by unit First Vice President in presence/witness of all attending Unit Auxiliary Members:

- Barbara Kauppi

**Guest Speaker(s)/Special Presentation(s):**

- No guest speaker or special presentation for this meeting.

**Chaplain Report/Special Intentions:**

- No special intentions presented at this meeting

**Chairman Reports:**

**Americanism (Chairman Kristin Landis):**

- Upcoming important dates to fly the American flag
  - 8/19/24 - National Aviation Day
  - 9/2/24 - Labor Day
  - 9/11/24 – Patriot Day (half-staff)
  - 9/17/24 – Constitution Day
  - 9/20/24 – POW Recognition
  - 9/29/24 – Gold Star Mother’s Day
- Kristin reminded members to encourage people to register to vote.
- Huntington Beach Historical Society is hosting their annual Civil War Days Living History Event at Huntington Beach Central Park on Aug 31 & Sept 1st. Historical reenactment Battle Times: Sat: 1:30 and 4 PM / Sun: 11 and 2 PM. More information can be found at hbhistory.org.

**Community Service (Chairman Gayelea Allison):**

- Monthly speaking event at Rowntree Gardens Senior Living was held on August 12, 2024, with guest speaker John Gibson, (former Cypress Commander). The attendees really enjoyed hearing about John’s military experiences..
- Scheduling interviews for the Library of Congress Veteran’s Project. To take place in early September with Rowntree veterans.
- Gayelea shared a community service opportunity for the Precious Life Shelter: The annual Chopper Drop at El Dorado Park Golf Course to be held on September 18, 2024, 11:00 – 5:00 pm. Please let Gayelea know if you are interested.



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### **Constitution & Bylaws (C&B):**

- All members were sent a copy of current unit bylaws and standing rules to review. Members are encouraged to look over both and bring up any questions at the next general meeting. If you have any recommendations for changes/updates to standing rules, please them bring to next executive board (eBoard) meeting to discuss.

### **Education (Chairman Kristin Landis):**

- Reminder - The *Give 10* school supply drive will continue until mid Aug. There is a donation bin in the bar. Donations go to 2 local non-profit organizations that provide year-round supplies/support: Love Beyond Limits and Long Beach women's shelter. A portion will also go toward the local elementary school classroom of one of our unit members who originally joined as junior and recently graduated college with a teaching degree and is starting her first teaching position.

### **Girls State (Leadership program for High School students/Chairman – Cindy Mayfield):**

- Chairman Cindy shared that next meeting (Sept. 9) the delegates that Unit 716 sponsored for Girl's State will share their experience. There will be Department Girl State representatives also attending.

### **Junior Activities (Chairman – Joanna Garcia):**

- Juniors purchased \$400 in school supplies for the *Give 10* school supply drive. These will be sorted at the 1<sup>st</sup> Junior meeting 1:00 pm on Sun, Aug 25<sup>th</sup> at Post.
- Junior President, Olivia Thuney thanked the auxiliary for sponsorship to Girl's State. She was able to speak at Girl's State and share her experiences as a Junior member.
- Joanna shared that Unit 716 Juniors logged over 1,100 volunteer hours last year.

### **Membership/First Vice (Joanna Garcia):**

- Chairman Joanna reminded members to renew their membership.
- Also shared was that our unit exceeded goal last year and received awards for our 2023-2024 membership accomplishments.

### **VA&R:**

- Chairman Cindy spoke about the Veteran's Creative Arts Festival at the VA. There is still an opportunity to see some of the art created at the Garden Grove Elks Club on Aug. 21, 2024.
- Golden Star Manor in Long beach is open for Bingo. Cindy will follow up to see if we can provide support.
- Cindy shared that there are still items needed for the homeless veterans and the Food pantry at the VA such as soap pods, new undergarments, socks, and snack items.
- Cindy suggested that we could partner with the sons to promote and invite veterans through the VA to attend Veteran's Day meal at Post. More to come.



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**Correspondence:**

- No correspondence received/presented at this meeting.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

- The Post kitchen stove is now fixed. We will be releasing \$800 to the Post Commander Bryan Bell at one of the next meetings for our portion of the repair.
- Kristin shared that after the last meeting, she received a request to support activities at the Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base for the Medical Detachment South soldiers (150) and their children (40-50). It was presented as an emergency discussion and vote to eBoard. This was a joint effort by our Post's Sons and Auxiliary with the Sons donating \$250 and Auxiliary donation of \$150. The funds were used to provide activities and take away bags for the children.
- Items have been purchased for the VRC at Cypress College. Teresa Cespedes will deliver for the month of August on Unit's behalf. The Son's to vote on providing the items for September. Kristin will reach out to Leisure World Auxiliary and ask if they would like to provide support for an upcoming month.
- Chairmanships are still needed for *Legislative, National Security, Past Presidents Parley (PPP)*. Please see Kristin if you are interested.

**New Business:**

- Cindy Mayfield brought forward a motion, on behalf of eBoard recommendation, to donate \$1,800 to the Post to support operating expenses/utilities such as electricity during our events and to maintain refrigerator/freezer in the auxiliary shed. It was seconded by Lori Ryon. The motion carried. The funds will be presented to the Post Commander Bryan Bell during a future meeting.

**Announcements:**

- The ALA has partnered with businesses to bring you exclusive discounts and savings! A flyer describing member benefits was emailed out to members.
- Most current Post event calendar can be viewed online on Post/Legionnaires website under "Calendar" at [www.losalamitospost716.org](http://www.losalamitospost716.org)

**Upcoming Dates to be aware of:**

- 9/3/24 – There will not be a taco Tuesday on this night.
- 10/13/24 - Juniors Carwash Fundraiser. More details to follow.
- 11/2/24 – Holiday Boutique – Stay tuned for more information

**Adjournment & Closing:**

Chaplain offered closing prayer.

President Kristin Landis adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.

**\*\* The next meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024**



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**Minutes submitted by:** Gayelea Allison, Secretary

**Minutes Approved & forwarded by:** Kristin Landis, President

**Unit Resources:**

- American Legion Auxiliary Department of California  
[www.calegionaux.org](http://www.calegionaux.org)
- National American Legion Auxiliary  
[www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org)
- Unit/Post Local Website (*local calendar of events etc.*)  
[www.losalamitospost716.org](http://www.losalamitospost716.org)  
[www.LosAlamitosUnit716.org](http://www.LosAlamitosUnit716.org)
- Unit Facebook Page: [Los Alamitos Unit 716](#)